

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Coach Richard Pickell and the 1994-1995 Harriman High school boys' basketball team on winning the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Class AA state championship.

WHEREAS, of the hundreds of Tennessee high school boys' basketball teams that started their 1994-1995 seasons, only three had the fierce determination, extraordinary ability, powerful offense, stingy defense and greatness to go through a hard schedule and be crowned champions; and

WHEREAS, the outstanding 1994-1995 Harriman High School boys' basketball team was one select group; and

WHEREAS, Harriman won the regular season Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association District 7-AA championship, with an unblemished 8-0 record; and

WHEREAS, despite strong opponents, the Blue Devils next won the District 7-AA Tournament, with victories against Oliver Springs 89-74 and Scott County 74-71; and

WHEREAS, this tremendously talented team then won the Region 4-AA Tournament, beating Cannon County 75-63, Smith County 64-36 and DeKalb County 85-70; and

WHEREAS, in the crucial substate match, they bested Phoenix III 69-65; and

WHEREAS, in the State Tournament, Harriman had impressive victories against Austin-East 76-65, David Lipscomb 84-67 and defending state champion Sweetwater 65-59, to win the coveted Class AA state title; and

WHEREAS, this is the first time Harriman has won the Class AA state basketball title; and

WHEREAS, this excellent team had their best record ever 31-3, and the best winning percentage ever (.911); and

WHEREAS, their highly regarded **Coach Richard Pickell**, retired with a fantastic overall record of 524-359, in a brilliant 31-year career. His capable **Assistant Coach** was **Guy Thompson**; and

WHEREAS, the team leaders were State Tournament Most Valuable Player **Jermaine Copeland** and All-State Tournament team members **Shane Hall** and **Marc Boyd**; and

WHEREAS, the other members of the team include: **Cedric Holmes, Travis Pickell, Bobby Phillips, Daniel Goins, Corey Jenkins, Mitchell Daugherty, Donald Balcom, Greg Love**, and **Brent Tilkey**; who were assisted by **manager Joe Buchanan**; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we pause in our deliberations to recognize this special team; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor and congratulate **Coach Richard Pickell** and the 1994-1995 Harriman High School boys' basketball team on winning the TSSAA Class AA state championship and wish them well in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That appropriate copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation to the school and to each person named above, with this final clause omitted from such copy.